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SUBJECT: SKIM MILK MIXING REGULATION -- SOYBEAN PROBLEM

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1. WE RAISED PROBLEM OF PROSPECTIVE EC SKIM MILK MIXING
REGULATION DUPING AMBASSADOR WALKER'S MEETING YESTERDAY
WITH ROBIN GRAY, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPT OF TRADE, EX-
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PRESSING CONCERN RE PROSPECTIVE DAMAGE TO US SOYBEAN

EXPORTS IF SUCH REGULATION IS IMPLEMENTED AND NOTING VIOLATION OF ARTICLE III OF GATT THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED. WE ALSO INDICATED CONCERN THAT FROM WHAT WE HAD HEARD OF EC AG MINS MEETING LITTLE OR NO ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THESE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM.

2. MAFF UNDEP SECRETARY J. H. V. DAVIES, WHO ALSO WAS PRESENT (ALONG WITH KNIGHTON, ABRAMSON AND OTHERS FROM DOT), MADE MOST OF THE RESPONSE. DAVIES INDICATED A NEGATIVE UK ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COMMISSION'S PLAN AND STRONG DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, BUT ALSO REMARKED THAT FACT REMAINS SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO DISPOSE OF THE MOUNTAIN. AS REGARDS APPARENT NEGLECT OF IMPORT DISPLACEMENT AND GATT CONCERNS AT AG MINS MEETING, HE SAID THIS WAS ONLY A FIRST GO AT THE MATTER AND MINISTERS HAD OTHER CONCERNS ON THEIR MINDS, BUT US CONCERNS WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS OF FEED MANUFACTURERS HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EC COMMISSION BECAUSE THE PROPOSED MIXING REGULATION WOULD RAISE THE PRICE OF FEED. NFU ALSO COMPLAINING ABOUT INCREASED COSTS UNLESS PIG AND POULTRY PRICES INCREASED TO OFFSET.

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